

FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

Finding: The current system of funding proposed projects is structured in such a way as to discourage cooperative and collaborative decision making.

Background: The current funding programs are scored on a competitive basis. This is inherent in the system and can be beneficial. However, it discourages collaborative decision making.

Alternatives: 1) the current system
2) Priorities established in advance by the funding agencies
3) Provision of additional points in scoring to projects which result from collaborative decision making at the regional level.

Impacts: 1) no change to funding source
2) No change to existing staffing and should result in more efficient decision making
3) Changes required in current scoring system.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Restructure funding programs to provide funding priority to projects which result from collaborative and cooperative effort between agencies.